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WASHINGTON.

AN EXODUS OF CONGRESSMEN. THE CAPITOL DESERTED BY ALL EXCEPT STRAY COMMITTEES-REFORM-SILVER-THE CHINESE.

Congressmen are rapidly leaving Washington, for the holiday recess, Mr. Evarts has left for New-York, and the President will soon follow. A message on Civil Service reform will be sent to Congress in January, together with a report by Mr. Dorman B. Eaton's commission. The President will reassert the principles of reform. The sale of 4 per cent bonds has stopped completely. The Chinese question has been brought to President Hayes's attention by Congressman Page in a letter printed

WHAT SILVER HERETICS HAVE DONE. A VICTORY OF WHICH PERHAPS THEY MAY BE PROUD-MILLIONS LOST, BOND SALES STOPPED, AND CREDIT DAMAGED.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The impatient advocates of the Bland Silver Bill, who came to Washington last October boasting that they would remonetize silver in thirty days, have not thus far succeeded. They have accomplished what may be equally satisfactory to them. They have stopped the process of

Their action caused a temporary suspension of the sale of 4 per cent bonds after the large subscriptions made in this country last Summer. This was its natural consequence, and its effect was about passing away when Congress met. The eagerness of the repudiationists to repeal the Resumption Act and to legislate that 92 cents worth of silver should pay a debt of a dollar caused a postponement of the bond sales. The market showed little or no disposition to improve netil the publication of the President's message and ne report of the Secretary of the Treasury. Those documents had so much of the true ring in them that their effect upon the quoted value of 4 per ds was really remarkable. The price of the ands immediately went above par, and the Secretary of the Treasury and the members of the Syndibegan their preparations for resuming sales.

ill in the Senate would be strong enough to pass below par, and there they will probably re-

A MESSAGE ON REFORM.

THE PRESIDENT CLAIMS TO REPRESENT THE OPINION OF THE COUNTRY, AND WILL GREET CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 17.—The President's special essage on Civil Service reform will be ready soon after the reassembling of Congress. It will inclose will in addition, set forth at length the Pres and it will insist that the policy of the Administration is simply an attempt to carry out to the letter the Republican party in power. The Constitutional right of the Executive to originate nominations will also be insisted on. In short, it is believed that the effect of the message will be to give notice to the country and to Congress that, whatever may be the attitude of the Senate, the President has no thought of abandoning the position he has taken.

LEAVING TOWN. instructions given in advance by those who placed

CONGRESSMEN AND OTHERS OFF FOR THE HOLIDAY VACATION.

IGENERAL PRESS DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-There is a noticeable falling off in the visits to the chiefs of the. different Executive Departments to-day, attributable to the departure of many members of both

Houses of Congress for their homes to pass the holiday season. Ordinarily Monday is a lively day in Secretary Evarts left Washington last night for New-York, where he will be joined by President Hayes, together with several members of the Cabi-

Hayes, together with several members of the Caor-net, on the 20th instant.

Senator Blaine expects to leave Washington to-merrow for Florida, where he will remain during the holiday recess, for the benefit of his health. Representative Hale, [of Maine, will probably accom-

THE HEATHEN IN CALIFORNIA. REPRESENTATIVE PAGE APPEALS TO THE PRESIDENT

TO SEND A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT. GENERAL PRESS DISPATOR.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The following letter has been addressed to the President of the United States by Representative Page, of California:
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To the President:

I desire to call your attention to the question of Chinese immigration which is now, and has been for a few years past, agitating the people of California. I would respectfully ask that you give the surfect auch consideration as your valuable time will permit.

You are doubtiess aware that there are now in the State of California more than 150,000 of these people, about one-fitth of whom mer females brought here for immorat purposes, and are now held and owned as slaves. The remaining four-fifths are manies, equal in number to the entire voting population of the State, and are, with few exceptions, coolies or slaves, brought hereunder contract for service purposes. Many of tasse came from Hong Kong, an English port under the treaty with China of 1808. That you may more fully understand this matter, a deal your otherwise singularly careful and straightforward correspondent has, in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President and his friends, or that the President has in this particular, mispresented the President has in this particular.

New-Fork, Dec. 17, 1877.

RIOTOUS MINKES SENTENCED.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 17.—In the Court of Quarter Seasion, on Saturday, eight men were convented to the past few months has occasioned alarm

very respectfully, your most obedient servant, H. F. Page.

WASHINGTON NOTES. WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877.

General Sherman leaves Washington to-night for a brief visit to his family in St. Louis. The Treasurer of the United States to-day signed

checks for the payment of moneys due the survivors of the wrecked steamer Huron. The new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Hayt, ook the oath of office to-day, received his commission and intered regularly upon his duties.

The District Commissioners to-day appointed Thos. C. Cox, of Georgetown, D. C., to succeed the late Colonel Timothy Lubey as Water Registrar for this District. Senator Patterson, of South Carolina, who had a severe

attack of vertigo yesterday, is now convalescent, and expects to walk out to-morrow. His condition was not critical, as reported.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day the hours of business at the Treasury Department will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The other Departments will also reduce the hours of clerical labor during

There is unquestionable authority for stating that Gen eral Gordon has absolutely refused to converse with re-porters on the subject of the recent quarrel in the Senate, nor is he willing to correct any misrepresentations that have found their way into the papers.

R. S. Bartley, Special Agent of the General Land Office, who has been in Mississippi in relation to timber depredations, arrived here to-day. He reports that the Government seizures of logs and lumber unlawfully taken nment seizures of logs and lumber unlawfully taken he public lands, are of the aggregate value of about

Indian Acent at Camp Thomas, Arizona, reports that Pionsenay, the leader of the renegade Apaches, who have been committing depredations recently, is dead, and that cight of his band have surrendered. The San Carlos Reservation police are in close pursuit of the re-

York, who exposed the sugar frauds on the revenue, had

THE CUSTOM HOUSE REDUCTIONS.

COLLECTOR ARTHUR AND THE PRESIDENT-THE COL

oncerning General Arthur:

After the reorganization of the Custom House had been completed, the friends of the President say numerous that the reductions had not been made at all in accordance with the solvin of the recommendations of the Jay Commission or the instructions of Secretary Sherman. These complaints became so frequent that General Arthur as sent for, and the whole matter was had before him. He was told that the reports were that he was removing good men and retaining the political "strikers," who were not efficient follower Arthur, replied that personally believe to a board, and had followed likely recommendations. The members of the board were sent for, and they in turn explained that they had not personally selected the entitledates for removal, but had acted upon the suggestions of the beads of divisions. These could not be readily sent for. The discovery of the way in which the reductions were made convinced the Administration that no practical measures of reform could be carried into effect while General Arthur was Collector. These are the reasons, so the President's Friends now say, why General Arthur was not retained.

Now, when this was written, a letter from General

Now, when this was written, a letter from General Arthur to the Secretary of the Treasury was in type. had been widely published, and ought to have been' conclusiveness, that the above statement is unwarranted. It does more. It shows that in the very things for which General Arthur is here blamed, he acted under the explicit instructions and repeated advice of the Treasury Department itself. Witness the following from page 15 of the pamphlet containing the letter of Collector Arthur to the Secre-

APPLICATIONS TO MR. M'CORMICK.

[GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Since the nomination and confirmation of Governor McCormick to be Commissioner-General to the Paris Exposition that gentleman has been besteged by applicants for positions under him. Everything in the range of employment is asked for, from associate commissioners and clerks, to messengers, shippers of goods, packers and laborers of every name and description. Exgovernor McCormick explains that very few clerks will be needed on this side of the Atlantic. The office of the Commissioner-General will be opened in New-York the latter part of this, or early next week.

THE HEATHEN IN CALIFORNIA. tary of the Treasury:

which to make reductions, if the officers are carefully selected."

And in your instructions to me you wrote, "It is impossible, in a force so large as yours, that you should know the peculiar qualities and merits of each employe, and it is important in making selections that you secure this important in making selections that you secure this information through committees of invised officers." You added: "After all, the success of this movement for reform of old abuses which existed for many years before you became Collector, will depend mainly upon your good sense and discretion."

Having completed what you described as a "delicate and one roots duty," at the time fixed by you, Jane 30, I forwarded the schadules to you. On July 26 you wrote me that persons affected had complained to you, but "that the matter had been fully inquired into by a committee from this depairment. It is deemed best after this full examination, to approve your recommendations throughout, it being apparent that your committee have exercised great care and impartiality."

Is it not fair to conclude, after this, either that

tiary, \$500 fine and costs of prosecution. Three others were fined \$10 each, and were sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the County Jail. The remainder were sentenced to short terms of imprisonment and to pay small fine.

OBITUARY.

SENERAL AURELLE DE PALADINES. Paris, Dec. 17, 1877.—General d'Aurelle de es, Life Senator of France, is dead.

Claude Michel Louis d'Aurelle de Paladines was born on the 9th of January, 1804, at Malezieux (Lozère). He entered the Malitary School in 1822; served in the Army of Africa from 1841 to 1848; he was made a Colonel, took a part in the Roman campaign, and as General of brigade, distinguished himself in the rimes. He was created General of Division in 1855. He was not engaged in the campaign in Italy in 1859, but remaining at Marseilles contributed greatly to the success of the operations by the activity which he exhibited in procuring men and materials. At the commencement of 1869 he commanded the Fifth Military Division. During the France-Prussian war he commanded, with great credit, the Ninth Military Division. The revolution of the 4th of September, 1870, obliged him to quit Marseilles; but after the defeat of General La Motte-rouge, before Orleans, by a decree of the 14th of November he was made commander of the first Army of the Loire, into which he introduced the severest dis cipline. This army, by the addition of small bodies from he defeated troops of other corps, was raised to about 150,000 men. Under General Aurelie de Paladines it won, at first, some successes, defeating General von der Tann, the German commander, who held Orleans, and recapturing the city. Von der Tann, retreating, massed his troops on the Eure, but the French general did not follow up his advantage, and the Germans soon took the offensive. Aurelie, after several minor engagements, undertook to march his entire force upon Paris. met, however, and attacked the Tenth division of Prince Frederick Charles's army, but was defeated, November ans, near which city he took position for battle. After a series of engagements, he was decisively defeated,

THE HON, JOHN P. DRIGGS. DETROIT, Mich. Dec. 17 .- The Hon. John F. Driggs, formerly a member of Congress from this State,

Mr. Drings was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., March 3 1813. He was apprenticed to a mechanical business con muster mechanic. In 1844 he was appointed superintendent or the New-York Penitentiary, holding the office one year. In 1856 he removed to Michigan, and settled at East Saginaw. He was president of that village in 1858, and during the two following years was a member of the Michagan Legislature. In 1862 he was elected a representative from Michagan to the XXXVIIIth Con-gress, and was reelected to the XXXIXth and XLth.

COLONEL M. G. HARMAN.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—Colonel M. G. Harman, of Staunton, Va., died suddenly of apoplexy on the Staunton. He was a prominent citizen, president of the Canal Packet Line, a relirond contractor, the head of a stage line in the valley, and held other positions of trust. He was lifty-five years of age.

THE REV. DR. J. H. EAMES.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 10.—The Rev. J. H. Lames, D. D., Restor of St. Paul's Church, Concord, New-Hampshire, died on board the steamship Canima (from New York) this evening, just as she reached her dook in this lown. Dr. Eames was accompanied by his wife, and they intended spending the Winter here. He had spent a Winter here previously.

THE FIRE RECORD.

AN OIL TRAIN ON FIRE. FOUR CARS AND SEVERAL HOUSES BURNED AT PATERSON.

A disastrous fire occurred at Paterson last night. A coal oil car on the Eric Railway track took fire. The tank burst, and the flaming oil ran into and flooded the street, communicating the flames to five or six houses, some of them half a mile away. Buildings belonging to the following persons were destroyed: Conneil, loss. \$2,000, partly insured; 8. Rider, two houses, loss, \$5,000, no insurance; Thomas Lewis, frame

INCENDIARY FIRES IN NEW-JERSEY.

An attempt was made on Sunday night to man extinguished the flames. Yesterday morning an unoccupied house in Bloomfield, N. J., belonging to Mr. MeLagiin, was entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,500; uninsured. On Saturday night the barn of James Donigan, at Beech-st, and knitroad-ave., Orange, was entirely destroyed by fire, and the dwelling house adjoining was badly damaged. The loss is about \$700; insured.

THE DEMERARA SUGAR SEIZURE.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—The commission appointed by Judge Giles, of the United States District Court, consisting of Messrs. R. D. Fisher, E. C. Chamberlin, Special Agent of the Treasury Department, and R. L. Ross, to appraise the cargoes of sugar imported by Messrs. W. H. Perot and Tate, Muller & Co., by the Misberlin for forfeiture, held a meeting this morning and The appraisers were not unanimous in their opinion as to the value of the sugars, and Mr. Chamberlin declined to the value of the sugars, and Mr. Chamberlin declined to sign the report agreed upon by Messrs. Fisher and Ross. The sugars were valued by the majority of the commission at the prices near which the last sales of Demerara sugars were made in this market. On Saturday last a lot of 750 bars of sugar, regarded as being of nearly the same class, was sold by Mr. Perot to the Calvert Sugar Refinery at 75 g cents per pound, and Messrs. Fisher & Ross agreed that 77 g cents would be a fair valuation, and so decided against the opinion of Celonel Chamberlin, who contended for a much higher figure, claiming that for some reason or other Demerara vacuum-pan centrifugal sugars had suddenly failed in the market. The appraisament of the sugar seized on the bark Maniton amounted to \$24,744.04, and that on the brig Mississippi to \$12,978.93. The appraisament papers were prepared for filing in the United States District Court, and the importers will give a bond and withdraw the sugar for sale or shipment.

PURIFYING THE BAR.

POTTSVILLE, Dec. 17 .- The names of Charles W. Wells, an attorney, and late Secretary of the Mutual Savings Fund Association, and Jonathan Wright, also an attorney, were stricken from the list of practicing attor actorney, were stricken from the list of practicing attorneys of the Schuylkill County Courts to-day. The former was charged with the embezziement of large sums of money, and of making false entries to cover his deficiencies, and the latter with having made collections of money which he failed to account for.

WRECK OF A COAL TRAIN.

BETHLEHEM, Penn., Dec. 17 .- A coal train on the Lenigh and Susquehanna Division of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey ran over a cow near Lehigh Gap this evening, throwing the engine over an embankment and metantly killing the engineer, John Shott. The fre-man was seriously injured, and the engine and train were badly wrecked.

THE RUSSIANS ADVANCING.

MUSCOVITE TROOPS AT BABROVA.

FIGHTING REPORTED FROM WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE MILES OF SOPHIA-ERZERUM TO BE ATTACKED ON THE NORTH.

The Russians have begun to show greater activity. The troops which occupied Elena have pushed on to Bablrova, ten miles eastward, thereby obtaining a firmer footbold on the Balkan Passes east of the Shipka road. In Western Bulgaria, a force has been at Taskesen, twentyfive miles from Sophia, but according to Turkish report it has been driven back. It is probable that it will await the arrival of the 40,000 soldiers which the Russians have sent from Plevna, in the direction of Orchanic and Sophia. In Armenia the Russians are taking steps to sever communication between Erzerum and Trebizond, and to attack the former city on the north. The British Government appears deeply concerned at the general aspect of affairs.

ERZERUM TO BE ATTACKED.

ERZERUM, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877. Two Russian divisions are moving to cut the Turkish communications with Trebizond and attack Erzerum from the north.

OSMAN PASHA NOT DEAD.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877 Reuter's Bucharest dispatch says the report of the suicide of Osman Pasha is false, and there is no foundation for the rumor of his death from any

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1877 The London papers publish an official contradiction of the report of Osman Pasha's death.

ENGLAND SHOWING ANXIETY.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877.

A Cabinet council was held to-day. It is believed that the object of the meeting was to further consider the question of mediation in connection with the Porte's circular.

The Post publishes the following paragraph in official form: "Another Cabinet council will be held to-day. The serious aspect of foreign affairs engages the constant attention of the Ministry. It is felt that the time has arrived when momentous questions may have to be considered."

THE BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877.

Marmoud Camad has gone to inspect the fortifications of the Balkams. A Russian force appeared at Taskesen, between Kamarly and Sophia, but was driven back. It is snowing heavily in the Balkans, and it is believed the passes will be rendered im-

Losp v. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1877. The Times's Bucharest dispatch reports that Gen eral Krudener's corps has started for Orchanic

Booot, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877. The Russians, after occupying Plevna, pushed for ward their troops to Bebrova yesterday.

TURKEY AND HER PEACE PROPOSAL. NO FOREIGN MEDIATION TENDERED-RUSSIA INTENT ON A FULL SETTLEMENT.

It is generally believed here that the Porte's appeal for the mediation of the Powers will have no result. Mr. Layard, the British Ambussador has informed the furkish Government that England will continue to observe neutrality.

France has replied to the Turkish note. The terms of her reply are almost identical with those of

A Reuter telegram from St. Petersburg, which is of a semi-official character, says: "The statement that Germany and Austria have refused Turkey's request for mediation has produced a favorable impression here. universal sentiment is that after the great sacrifices of Russia, peace on the conditions foreshadowed in the Porte's circular would be illusory, and that to questions raised by this sanguinary war must be definitely and exhaustively solved."

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY HOLDING ALOOP.

Lospon, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1877. The Vienna correspondent of The Times telegraphs as follows: "Turkey's first pacific effort may be regarded as a failure. Germany hintthat treating directly with Russia would be the shortest way of coming to an under standing. It seems that when the note was first mentioned the Austrian Government replied that it could not hold out any hope of successful mediation

CONCESSIONS TO CRETE. ATHENS, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877. It is said the Porte has decided to grant fuller au-

tonomy to Crete to aliay discontent in that island,

RUSSO-TURKISH WAR NOTES. London, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Bucharest, at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon, announces the arrival of the Crar at that place.

A special dispatch from Bucharest to The Duily News states, "Colonel Wellesley, British Military Attaché, saya that Osman Pasha had less than 30,000 men at Plevna and in his sortic lost 6,000 killed alone. The wounded must have been 6,000 more." ATHENS, Monday, Dec. 17, 1877.

A Cabinet Council last night resolved to adhere to a

PHILADELPHIA ON THE SILVER QUESTION. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 .- At a meeting of the Philadelphia Board of Trade this evening, Mr. Allen

the Philadelphia Board of Trade this evening, all Aries offered the following resolutions:

First—The Philadelphia Board of Trade is opposed to the pissage of what is known as the Bland Silver Bill.

Second—They are in favor of the coinage of \$50,000,000 of sity r, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, and that such coin be made a legal-tender to an amount not exceeding \$20.

Third—Taey are in favor of the appointment of a commission, as suggested by the resolution of the compute.

mittee.
Fourth-That the above resolutions be referred to the Committee on Currency and Banking, with instructions to prepare a memorial or memorials to the Congress of the United States in accordance therewith.

The first resolution was unanimously adopted. The second was amended so as to prefer a legal-tender of \$5. Then the second, third, and fourth were laid over until the next meeting. A resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to send a memorial to Congress in accord-

ARMY ORDERS

Washington, Dec. 17.-Captain R. N. Scott, 3d Arullery, is ordered to repair to Fort Ontario, N. Y., and turn over his command and the public property in his charge, and then return to this city and take charge of the duty of preparing the records of the war for publication. First Lieutenant J. J. Clague, 12th Infantry, is ordered to rejoin his proper station. Assistant Surgeon W. E. Waters is relieved from duty as a member of the General Court Martial at Fort Columbus, New-York Harbor, and Assistant-Surgeon J. P. Kimbali is detailed in his stead.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 17.-Walter F. Bartlett, the detaulting receiver of taxes for this city, was released some time ago on \$10,000 ball, in the hope that he would be able, by an examination of his accounts, to reduce the amount of the defalcation, and make up the deficit. The examination, however, increased the amount of the defalcation to about \$33,000, and being unable to procure that amount his bondsmen surrendered him, and he was committed this evening to the County Jail, to await the action of the Grand Jury in January.

A DEFAULTING TAX-RECEIVER IN JAIL.

RAIN IN CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.-Dispatches from the interior show that within the last forty-eight hours there has been a rain-fall extending over nearly the entire State. In many places it has been copious. The weather now indicates a continuance of the atorm.

SUIT AGAINST THE EASTERN RAILROAD. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 17 .- An important suit in equity has been brought against the Eastern Rail-

road and its leased roads by holders of bonds of the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, to com pel the Eastern Road to pay interest on these bonds. A large number of these bonds have been purchased by banks and citizens in New-Hampshire in the belief that it was a sound local investment.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

THE ITALIAN MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

The vote in the Italian Parliament on Saturday was on the question of the Ministers violating the freedom and secrecy of telegrams, but this was only a mere pretext to develope the general discontent touching various political and financial questions. The Ministry was sustained by a vote of 184 to 162, but the majority would be much less were opposition absentees taken into account. The Ministers were afterward actually defeated in committee on a question of electoral reform, whereupon they resizned. Signor Depretia will endeavor to reorganize the Ministry by bringing in the leaders of the dissatisfied sections.

TURBULENCE IN SANTO DOMINGO. HAVANA, Dec. 17 .- Advices from San Domingo to November 29, report a distressing condition of affairs. The revolution has now spread all over the country. Carlos Baez, brother of the President and Governor of the Province of Azua, was killed by the insurgents in his own house. The Santo Domingo city prisons are crowded. Many prisoners have been executed in the interior, among them General Melenciano. The greatest excitement prevails. Basz's fall seems inevitable.

NAVIGATING THE MAGDALENA. Washington, Dec. 17 .- The United States onsul at Sabanilla, United States of Colombia, sends to he Department of State, a copy of a report by Captain William Lang, of the steamship Cordova, in regard to his entry into and clearance from the Mag-dalena River, and a copy of a decree modifying the Colombian tariff. As the Cordova was the first steamer to enter the river considerable anxiety was feit as to the result. No difficulty was, however, exced in crossing the bar, the least water obtained be ing twenty-six feet, and from this point to the anchorage here were from seven to eight fathoms of water. Captain Lang thinks that in the time of a breeze ther would be a very heavy swell on the bar, and possibly vessels might be detained a day sibly vessels might be defained a day or two. In coming down the river the course was a little to the eastward of mid-channel, and the least water obtained was three and one-half fathoms. The captain thinks there is not the least difficulty, using ordinary precautions, in navigating the Magdalena, and the advantage to be gained in time is very considerable. The following articles are since October 10 last, declared freed duty; Live animals, implements for gaslight, provisions not prepared, in eral coal, buggase of passengers up to 100 kilos, hay seeds, plants in sprigs, legitimate com, patterns or samples, printed periodicals, etc.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Rome, Dec. 17 .- The Appeal Court has sentenced the publisher of the Osservatore Romano, a daily journal, which is the organ of the Vatican and the clerical party, to six months' imprisonment for libeling the ministers of the Italian Free Church.

HAVANA, Dec. 17 .- Haytian advices report

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The United States steamer lymouth arrived at St. Thomas on the 4th inst., and it in the 10th for Puerto Plata. Sheffield, Dec. 17.-The iron-workers here

have received notice of a reduction of wages after the folidays. LONDON, Dec. 17.-The "bears" on the Stock

OTTAWA, Dec. 17 .- The Government is advised that the steamer Newfield, with Canadian goods for the Paris Exhibition, has left Halifax for Havre, where M. Perrault, the secretary of the commission, will be in waiting to receive them. The buildings will be ready for the reception of goods by January 1.

SAVINGS BANK METHODS.

WINDING UP THE OBJECTAL-THE INDICTED BANK OFFICERS-NEWARK RUNS AT AN END.

A number of the depositors of the Oriental Savings Bank called at the office of that institution, yesterday, to learn when they could draw their deposits and what progress had been made in settling the affairs of the bank. The greater part of them are poor people iving in the thickly populated district about Grand-st.

The deposits in this bank at one time amounted to \$450,000, but now they are about \$182,000. The failing off is very plainly due to the hard times. The matter of closing the bank is returnable at Albany to-morrow. The officers hope that a committee of the trustees will be allowed to wind up the bank's affairs, without the expense of a receivership. Only two of the officers have received salaries, and the rent of the officers have received salaries, and the rent of the officers have received salaries, and the rent of the Chirmout Savings Bank, appeared, yesterday, in the Control of Over and Terminer, asking to have his ball reduced. Extleocyted James M. Smith and Mr. Doollinds urged that \$20,000 ball was excessive, in view of the small discrepancy in the bank starement claimed by the indictment, and as ton years was the extreme limit of punishment if Mr. Broadwell was convicted. District-Alterney Pheliss opposed, claiming that this was the sama ball fixed in the analogous cases of the marrance company presidents; as

analogous cases of the insurance company presidents; as the primare lived in New-Jersey, his bail should not be reduced. Mr. Smith said it was in consequence of his monoyed friends living in New-Jersey that he found such difficult in gerting bail, and he could be arrested on the bail bond as easily in New-Jersey as in New-York. Judge Brady reduced the bail to \$15,000, but Mr. Broadweil was unable to obtain that amount, and returned, yesterday afternoon, to the Tombs.

In the suit of Samuel H. Hurd, Receiver of the Taird Avenne Savings Bank, against Spencer K. Green, Judge Van Brunt directed, yesterday, a verdict for plaintiff for \$19,161.08. The suit was on a \$15,000 bond given by Green alone, in 1873, to make up a deficiency in the bank's assets. The same defences were set up against it as were set up by the makers of the \$120,000, and it was claimed that this bond, being made a year later, the defences had more vigor. Judge Van Brunt, however, averribed heen, as on the former trails, and directed a verdict as above.

overruled them, as on the former traits, and directed a verdiet as above.

The run on the Newark savings banks has ceased, and the excitement has entirely subsided. A meeting of the Dime Savings Institution has been called, and it is thought the three months notice rule will be rescinded. Chancelor Runyon, yesterday, signed the order for the investigation of the Newark Savings Institution. The run on the Dime Savings Institution, of Elizabeth, has almost entirely ceased, and the excitement is allayed. The bank officers justed on paying only 10 per cent until their stated pay day in January, according to rule.

THE PRESS CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Press Club was aten at Sieghortner's, in Lafayette-place, last evening. At the head of the table sat the retiring president, At the head of the table sat the retiring president, Charles H. Pulham, who, later in the evening, gave way to the new head of the club, John B. Wood. Speeches followed the dinner, enlivened by recitations by Charles R. Roberts, Jr., and A. P. Burbenk, and by Songs by the Burdett Gies Ciub. Among the invited guests who were present were Postmaster James, ex-Dock Commissioner Salem H. Wales. President Ruppaner, of the Goethe Club: ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, Ruffus F, Andrews, and Judge MeAdum. Letters of regret were read from Roscoe Conking, Peter Cooper, Congressman Starin and Jothers.

FOUR MISSING PEOPLE.

The following persons were reported at solice headquarters, yesterday, as having disappeared 437 East Ninthest: Josephine Murphy, aged thirteen, of No. 540 West Twenthestenthest, missing since last Wednesday: Batthast Britche, aged forty-three, of No. 94 Willettest, missing since last Friday: Mary McDonaid, aged sixty-five, of No. 46 Atlantic-ave, Brookip, missing for two weeks, is slightly deaf, and a partial invalid. rom their homes: Margaret Shields, aged fifteen, of No.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The Convention of the CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 17.-The boiler in

Stewart & Pouglass's eat meal manufactory exploded last night, doing damage to the extent of \$20,000.

QUEREC, Dec. 17.—A collision occurred on the North Shore Railroad, near listiscan this evening, between two working trains. One man was killed, another lost both legs, and another was genously wounded. Eight cars were wrecked.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—In a handicap billiard tournament held here to-night, the first game was won by W. Jakes, of Cobeurg, who scored 350 points to S. Jakes 234. The second game was won by W. Burleigh, of Hamitton, who scored 350 against 325 made by J. Bennett, of Toronto.

SOURCE 550 against 320 made by J. Bounet, of Pounts,
WATERLOWN, N. Y., Dec. 17.—John Dillon, who
has been confined for nine months awaiting trial for the murder of his father-in-law, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the
fourth degree, and was sonteneed to eight years and four
months in State Prison. months in State Prison.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—A Frederickton dispatch says: "C. Chapman was arrested this evening on several charges of forgery committed in Georgia a year ago. His proper name is believed to be Charles P. Milier. A detective has been on his track for twelve months."

St. Johns, N. B., Dec. 17.—Charles E. Cutter, of Massachusetts, who with Potter, of Portland, Me., had building contracts to the smoont of \$50,000 in this city, and who abscouded with \$40,000 on Saturday, have been arrested at Callas, the, but it is doubtful if under the reciprocity treaty they can be brought back.

THE MEXICAN BORDER.

RACE QUARRELS IN EL PASO COUNTY. NO MEXICANS CROSSING THE BORDER-FEDERAL AID

SENT tO THE STATE TROOPS-SENATOR SHERMAN ON THE SITUATION.

Later reports from the Mexican border confirm the statements from Washington that the troubles in El Paso County, Texas, are purely local in their character, and that no Mexicans have crossed the Rio Grande to take part in them, our State troops. General Sherman was before the Senate Committee, and expressed a belief that there is no danger of a collision with Mexico, and that President Diaz is honest in his profession of a desire to preserve order.

TROOPS SENT TO SAN ELIZARIO. THE PLACE SURROUNDED BY MEXICANS-THE GOV-

ERNMENT REINFORCES THE PLACE. Washington, Dec. 17.-Representative Mills, this morning, received a dispatch from Governor Hub-bard, of Texas, as follows:

The Sheriff of El Paso County telegraphs, to-night, that our State troops are surrounded, and will all be mass-acced unless relief can be had at once. Ask the Secretary of War to please order ins troops in New Mexico to make forced marches for their relief. They are American citizens. Answer.

Representative Mills was at the War Department this morning, and, by authority of the Secretary of War, replied to Governor Hubbard as follows:

Troops are now moving under orders from here with all possible speed from Forts Bayard, Stanton, Davis and Santa Fe. Relief must soon be had. General Sherman telegraphed General Sheridan to send to San Elizario all the troops he could. The latter replied this morning that he had ordered detuchments forward as follows: From Fort Bayard, N. M., 80 miles from El Paso, 4 companies of cavalry, 125 men, and 1 company of infantry, 28 men; Fort Stanton, N. M., 15 miles, 3 companies cavalry, 107 men, and one co pany of infantry, 30 men; Santa Fe, N. M., 380 miles, 1 company of infantry, 28 men. All of the above are from General Pope's command. There are no other troops within 500 miles. It is thought that the troops from Fort Stanton have already reached El Paso, and will probably be able to relieve the place. Five hundred and six tro-os have also been ordered from Fort Davis, Texas, 250 miles off. The troops from Fort Bayard will no doubt reach san Elizario to-morrow, and with those from Fort Stanton will be sufficient to keep the neare.

INVESTIGATIONS.

GENERAL SHERMAN BEFORE SENATOR CONKLING'S COMMITTEE-THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CALLS FOR

Washington, Dec. 17.-The special Senate which was appointed for the purpose of inquiring into borders of this country and Mexico was in session to-day for several nours. The entire time was devoted to hearing General Sacrman. The General reiter Exchange are circulating a runner, which is probably usterly groundless, that Lord Derby, Foreign Minister, and
the Marquis of Salisbury, Sceretary of State for India,
have resigned. of the sincerity of the avowed purpose of the Mexican Government to do all it can to sooperate in suppressing depredations. He there is very little probability of collisions; pressed his belief that the raiding is not all on one side

FIRST REPORTS CORRECTED.

THE EL PASO TROUBLES LOCAL IN THEIR CHARAC-TER-NO MEXICANS CROSSING THE BORDER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- Official information, received at military headquarters this afternoon, shows that the mob at San Elesario consists of about 300 citi

AMERICAN FILIBUSTERS REPORTED IN MEXICO. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17 .- A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch states that Hermosillo parers, received there to-day, say that General Huerta, former Governor of Sonora, is reported to be in Mexico, with 2,000 American filibusters stationed near the Sonora line, preparing can illiousiers stationed near the sonoralite, prepari for invasion. The Pesquarda, Mexican man-of-war, h arrived at Guaymas to look luto matters, and sever thousand troops are concentrated at Mazailan. India have killed a mail driver from Now-Mexico in San Sim Valley. Troops are in pursuit.

THE COAL CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

NO PLAN OF COMBINATION YET SETTLED. At the coal conference held in this city last

week a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gowen, Sayre and Dickson, was appointed to prepare a scheme to be presented to the meeting of coal men to-day for the control of the coal tonnage and the prices at tidewater. This committee was in sea-

for the control of the coal tonnage and the prices at tidewater. This committee was in session for several hours at the Delaware and Hudson office yesterday. The members of the committee were very reticent last evening as to the result of their laiors, but it was ica rued that no pian had been decided upon, and that another meeting of the committee would be held this morning. The scheme to adopt a minimem price at which the coal can be sold at idewater will probably be abandoned.

It was the opinion among a large number of coal men yesterday that a combination to limit the tonnage would be formed, but that the plan proposed by Mr. Gowen ten days ago, which was published at the time in TRE TRIMENE, would undergo important modifications. It is understood Mr. Gowen will not his tupon a deposit of more than 15 cents a ton as a piedge of good faith, instead of 40 cents, which was the amount named in his published scheme. The question of percentages to be allotted to the different companies, it is generally understood, will be the most difficult to solve. All nope that Judge Packer will directly join the combination has been given up. Winstever may be done by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company will be left to Mr. Sayre, who will also represent some of the individual operators on the Lehigh Valley Gailroad. Others of these operators will be represented by Dr. Liuderman, The midvidual operators in the Schnylkill cection are expected to ask for a representation in the meeting to-day, on the ground that they are not willing to trust their interests with Mr. Gowen. The conference of the presidents of the icading companies will be head at 11 o clock to-day.

A SUSPECTED MURDERER ARRESTED.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17 .- A man was arrested here to-day, by Detective John Wren, on suspicion of being the murderer of Charles Belden, of Gibson, Knor County, Bl. Belden was killed while pursuing a burgiar. The murderer of Belden also shot three others who were in pursuit of him. The prisoner answers the description of the murderer, and gives the name of Richard Roddra-son. He has been committed to await action of the Illinois authorities.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES. MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Two thousand laborers on he lachine Canal struck to-day. They demand \$1 instead f 90 cents per day.

of 90 cents per day.

Lancaster, Penn., Dec. 17.—James E. Pannell was, to-day, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of his wife, as Lancaster, in July, 1876.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Governor Young has reappointed L. G. Delano, of Chillicothe, Commissioner of Entrude and Telegraphs, for a term of three years.